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SUBJ: JUAN CARLOS VISIT TO FRG -- DISCUSSIONS OF
NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

1. APRIL 16 DIE WELT CARRIES STORY DATED MADRID
THAT SPANISH NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS WILL BE TOPIC OF
DISCUSSION IN SUBJECT VISIT BEGINNING APRIL 19.
GERMAN NEWSPAPER CREDITS SOURCES NEAR THE KING FOR
THIS REPORT NOTING THAT SPAIN BROKE OFF NEGOTIATIONS
WITH US ABOUT CONSTRUCTION OF EIGHT NUCLEAR POWER
PLANTS. REPORTEDLY, SPANIARDS BELIEVE "...WE CAN NOT
ACCEPT THAT THE ENERGY SUPPLY FOR OUR INDUSTRY BE
MADE DEPENDENT UPON US POLITICAL DELIBERATIONS ...",
I.E. UPON US DECISIONS ABOUT EXPORT LIMITATIONS ON
ENRICHED URANIUM.

2. NEWSPAPER COMMENTS THAT FRENCH HAVE A LIVELY
INTEREST IN THE SPANISH NUCLEAR MARKET, THAT GERMAN
FIRMS HAVE A CHANCE AND THAT THE SPANIARDS HAVE AN
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INTEREST IN THE GERMAN FAST BREEDER REACTOR.

3. EMBOFF DISCUSSED PLANNED VISIT OF SPANISH DELEGA-
TION WITH RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL FROM FRG MINISTRY FOR
RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY (BMFT). SPEAKING "FRANKLY",
BMFT REP SAID THAT NUCLEAR POWER WAS NOT RPT NOT ON
THE PRESENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN HIS

MINISTRY AND THE SPANISH DELEGATION. HOWEVER, HE HAD
VERY RECENTLY LEARNED THAT THE DELEGATION MIGHT WISH
TO DISCUSS THIS TOPIC WITH GERMAN INDUSTRIAL FIRMS.
GERMAN OFFICIALS WOULD, OF COURSE, RESPOND APPROPRI-
ATELY TO ANY EXPRESSION OF SPANISH OFFICIAL INTEREST.
THERE WILL BE DISCUSSIONS OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNO-
LOGICAL COOPERATION AND NO RELEVANT TOPIC WOULD BE
EXCLUDED FROM THESE DISCUSSIONS. STOESSEL

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